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The Avilan Club:

## New Group Recognizes Avila's Alumni Donors

A new organization - The AVILAN Club - has been formed to recognize alumni who contribute \$1,000 or more over a three-year period as part of Avila's first major drive to raise endowment and capital funds. Thirty alumni have already joined the new organization, according to Mary Kitchin, President of Avila's Alumni Association. "As alumni, we know that the value of our degree depends upon the continued vitality of our college," Mrs. Kitchin stated.

"The alumni goal," according to J. Robert Hardin, Chairman of the Alumni Fund Committee, "is to raise \$300,000 for the endowment fund over the three years of the drive." Pat Martin, Director of Development, reports that the rate of alumni giving during the current year well exceeds that of any previous year. "Our efforts were helped tremendously by a challenge gift of over \$40,000 from a group of twelve generous alums," Mrs. Martin added.

A telephone campaign currently under way will invite all alums to consider an increase in their level of giving. Those who wish to join the AVILAN Club for \$1,000 donors will be listed on a specially-designed bronze plaque which will be permanently installed in Marian Centre.



Mary Kitchin



J. Robert Hardin

## Mabee Grant Spurs Renovation

The Mabee Foundation has issued a \$200,000 Challenge Grant to inspire the Avila Community to raise additional funds by December 1985. When contributions have reached \$625,000 for "brick and mortar" projects, the Mabee Foundation is to boost total contributions by

\$200,000 in order to meet the financial obligations for these much-needed capital improvements.

In all, Avila will spend \$825,000 for major remodeling, repairs, and equipment on the college campus, more than one-fourth of its current \$3 million endowment campaign.

## Twice as many Register for Weekend College

Enrollment in Weekend College is slightly over 300 students for the Spring semester. Dr. Dave Wissman, Director of Weekend College, says, "Weekend College has virtually doubled in size from last fall to this spring. It has taken a lot of effort from a large number of people on the campus to let people know we're interested in helping them achieve their goals."

Advertising and mass mailings to area residents have drawn students to Avila for weekend classes but word of mouth continues to attract the majority of new students. Students report their progress and satisfaction to co-workers, according to survey results.

Most Weekend College students are working people whose educational needs have not been served by traditional class scheduling. The average age is 35, but students range from 18 to mid 70's. Most students have some credit hours already. Many are attending Avila for the first time.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Business, added for the Spring semester, has become the most popular degree program. The first General Studies degree student is to graduate in July.

Weekend College summer sessions will be offered in May and June. In August, the start of the second full year of operation, enrollments are expected to rise once more.

## Who's Who?

Nine Avila students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The 1985 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include: Ms. Linda K. Bernskoetter; Mr. Timothy K. LaBeau; Mr. Gregory A. Lever; Ms. Arleen L. Portell; Ms. Mary Frances Scalisi; Ms. Mary Beth Seiler; Ms. Carolyn Kay Seiter; Ms. Dianna Kay Stuhrenberg; and Mr. John C. Wendt.

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Lending a hand at the Steer Dinner are: (from left) Stanley Stout, auctioneer, Bob Wormington and Barbara Pendleton.

## 1985 Steer Dinner Breaks Avila Record

The 1985 Steer Dinner on January 25, was a gala event that raised a record \$36,000, through dinner tickets and bidding on American Royal prize beef and lamb, and contributed prizes.

The proceeds of the event were dedicated to the Sister Olive Louise Appreciation Fund for student scholarships.

Mary Frances Martin, part-time Avila instructor, won the trip to Hawaii, courtesy of World Airways, and a one-week stay in a luxury condominium donated by Edna and Jack Bear. The attendance prize, a \$1,000 Jones Store Shopping Spree, went to Victor Amino.

Mary Beth and John Gerald Meyers were the winning bidders on a trip donated by John Latshaw which will take the couple to New York City and the famous South Fork Ranch in Dallas, Texas.

## Second Semester Increase Enrollment Up For Spring

For the first time in four years, spring semester enrollment has shown an increase over enrollment for the preceding fall semester. Dean Richard Scott, Academic Dean, reports "This increase for 1985 is a very positive sign for the future."

More than 375 community residents, ranging in age from seven to

70, have enrolled in Continuing Education classes since the first of the year. Dr. Kay Sullivan, Director of Continuing Education, and her associates coordinate a variety of conferences, workshops, seminars and short-term sessions to serve a wide range of professional and personal educational needs.

## Hallmark Lecture Focuses on Ethics

Avila's 1985 Distinguished Chair Lecturer is Richard Arthur McCormick, S. J., Rose F. Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics at The Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University. The Lecture Series is sponsored by Avila's Department of Nursing and funded by the Hall Family Foundation.

Fr. McCormick, a distinguished scholar, lecturer and theologian, is the author of numerous books, in-

cluding **Ambiguity in Moral Choice, Doing Evil to Achieve Good, and Health and Medicine in the Catholic Tradition.**

Fr. McCormick's lecture, "Ethical Issues in Health Care: Tradition and Transition in the 1980's," will be presented in the Goppert Theatre on Wednesday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m. To obtain free tickets, call 942-8400.



Richard A. McCormick, S.J.

### Avila Alumni Events

- April 24**  
Alumni Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 11**  
Alumni Host at Commencement Coffee
- May 16**  
Bridge Marathon Playoff, 7:00 p.m. - Marian Centre
- June 5**  
Alumni Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- September 30**  
Avila's Second Annual Golf Classic, "A Great Day of Golf and Fun"
- October 4-6**  
AVILA HOMECOMING 1985  
Honoring Classes of '25, '35, '45, '55, '65, '75, '80

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